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POOL REPORT #6 - PORTLAND AIRPORT TO SHERATON HOTEL

Motorcade travelled at 35 to 45 miles per hour into town. Crowds ranged from small to moderate. They were friendly but not very demonstrative. One exception was the Madison High Football Team who were practising when they spotted the motorcade. They ran to the curbside and enthusiastically applauded the President whose car slowed down almost to a stop as he passed them then quickly picked up speed again.

Outside the hotel, Mr. Ford worked a crowd estimated at more than 1,000. A small part of which was not friendly. The demonstrators' signs included: "FBI Out of Pine Ridge," "Stop Police Harrassment", "Ford has a better idea -- 80¢ gasoline," "\$100.00 a plate is two weeks pay for a farm worker."

The President worked only the friendlies, and one young demonstrator shouted, "Hey, Mr. Ford, why don't you talk to us?" Although a high school band was playing the Michigan Fight Song, the demonstrators chant could be heard: "Ford, Ford, you better start shaking...today's pig is tomorrow's bacon." End of chant.

The President then entered hotel whereafter a brief absence which one staffer attributed to his taking a telephone call, Mr. Ford proceeded to a \$1,000 per person cocktail reception. While the President drank a beverage which appeared to have lime floating in it, he talked to a small group of people including one unidentified man who found it necessary to emphasize his point repeatedly by poking the President in the chest with his index finger.

After photos, pool was ushered out. The Ballroom where the dinner is to take place has very limited space for press, so you may want to listen to the President's remarks over Press Room loudspeaker at Coliseum.

Concerning tomorrow, Nessen said the Breakfast speech will concern regulatory agencies and the President's concern about too much government. Speech should be available tonight.

Nessen also said the speech to California Legislature is on crime and probably won't be available until tomorrow. Nessen advises it will break no new ground.

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Muriel Dobbin, Baltimore Sun

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